

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The state of South Dakota has long been concerned with the health of its citizens; and,

Whereas, Chronic lung diseases, known collectively as Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), are the fifth leading cause of death in South Dakota, accounting for 458 deaths in 2007; and,

Whereas, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease costs the economy of the United States an estimated \$42.6 billion a year; and,

Whereas, In 2007, 10.2 million U.S. adults, 18 years and over, were estimated to have COPD and close to 24 million U.S. adults have evidence of impaired lung function; and,

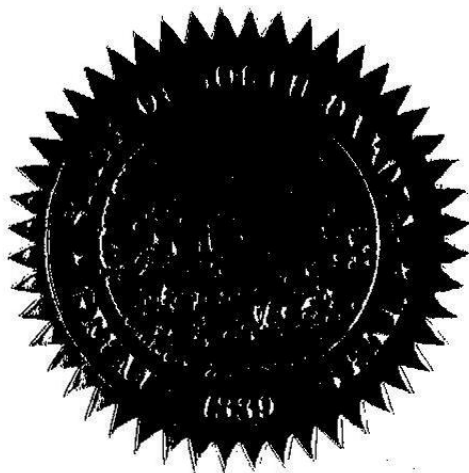
Whereas, Awareness, early detection, and treatment are crucial in the prevention or slowing of the spread of lung disease in this country; and,

Whereas, The citizens of South Dakota deserve the opportunity to grow, thrive, be healthy, be informed, and aware of their respiratory health and the factors that affect that health; and,

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 2009 as

CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State